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Turn to Page 6 for a story about Manhattan's Sunset zoo and its 20th year of accreditation.

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## City now accepts online payments

**By Danny Davis** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

People with city parking violations, traffic fees and other court fees can now pay from the comfort of their homes as the City of Manhattan has changed its municipal court payment system to electronic payment.

"Pretty much everything is going to electronic payment systems," said Kassie McEntire, city prosecutor for the municipal court.

The new system has been online since Sept. 21 and has received a good response.

"We've had quite a few people use it," McEntire said. "Once more people know about it, it will be used more often."

Those wishing to make a payment for a recent ticket can, click on "Make a Municipal Court Payment" on the City of Manhattan Web site at ci.manhattan.

ks.us. The process of implementing the online service was not difficult, though it involved a fair amount of online training for the courthouse staff, she said. Operators had to learn how to process the payments and track them with their corresponding case

While tickets can be electronically, the

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#### **CRIME**

## Local man charged with rape

By Sarah Rajewski KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A local man was arrested and charged with rape, aggravated battery and criminal threat on Monday, according to a report by the Riley County Police Department.

Oscar Lee Sims Jr., 57, of 2627 W. 60th Ave., was arrested at 2:10 p.m., according to the RCPD.

The rape occurred in the west part of Manhattan at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, said Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr. of the RCPD. Crosby also said the victim was under the age of 30 and the victim and suspect knew each other.

Sims also made several threats during the incident resulting in the criminal threat charge, Crosby said. Sims was released on a \$50,000 bond.

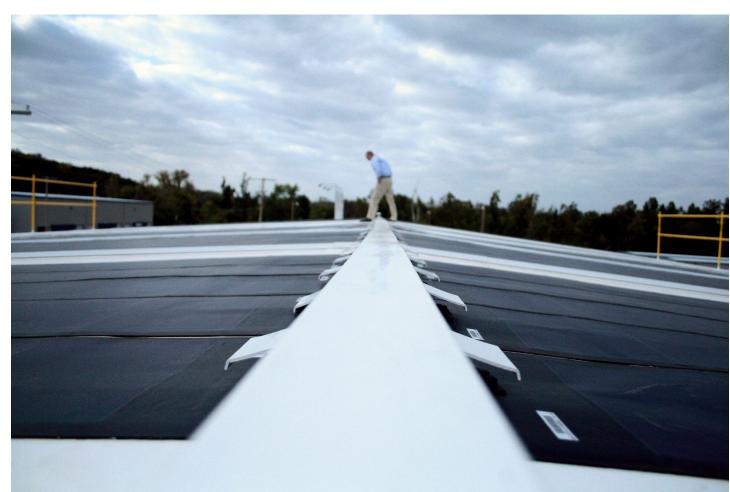
#### **LOCAL WOMAN FLIPS** TRUCK, CRASHES

A local woman was transported to Mercy Regional Health Center after her truck flipped Monday, according to another report by the RCPD.

Amy Calderwood, 20, of 1835 Todd Road was driving in the 6600 block of Fort Ri-

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## Sun solutions



Erin Poppe | COLLEGIAN

When Diamond Roofing started monitoring its energy usage, the company used about 1,100 kilowatt-hours per day. After installing the solar panels, they found they had reduced their usage to 10.88 kwh per day. Diamond Solar Solutions, a sister company, recently began selling solar panels in Manhattan.

## Diamond Solar Solutions brings green power

By Jason Miller KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After a tornado struck Manhattan in June 2008, the Manhattan-based Diamond Roofing partners sat down to discuss repairing the damage to their building. The executives decided they wanted to implement a green roofing design and incorporate it into a business.

More than one year later, Diamond Solar Solutions, a sister company of Diamond Roofing, opened its doors officially offering Manhattan a seat on the forefront of solar panel

companies. The first year, I extensively worked it politically because we did not have very good incentives for solar [roofs] in our state," said Monica Cameron, Diamond Solar Solutions senior partner. "This last legislative session, we got net metering, which will help make returns

on the product better." Net metering, Cameron said, allows a renewable energy user to gain credit for the excess energy their system creates if it goes back to the main power grid. The main power grid, operated by Westar Energy, absorbs power created by the solar panels that a building does not use and credits the owner's account on a Gwaltney, owner of Diamond Roofing, led \$1-to-\$1 ratio. This makes utilizing solar panels more financially beneficial than it was before the legislation.

Diamond Solar Solutions joins a small number of solar panel companies across the nation that offer a greener alternative to conventional energy.

### Rick Gwaltney on how panels work

- Panels are laid out on the roof • The panel bottom peels back and adheres like a
- An electrician connects the cables Power runs into the building where special converter boxes transfer direct current power to alternating current power to flow through the building for use.

"Our first project was in Greensburg, Kan., and that was a [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design] platinum building," Cameron said. "We installed it on the city hall, and we are getting ready to install it on their public works building."

Last Friday, Diamond Solar Solutions held its official ribbon-cutting ceremony and Rick

tours to the roof to see the solar panels being installed.

"My daughter [Cameron] dragged me kicking and screaming into this green thing," he

Gwaltney said he has since embraced the changes in the business, and while on the roof during the tour, he excitedly explained the process of applying the panels and their benefits.

The company also has taken its interest in solar energy one step further and initiated a research study to determine what, if any, roofing panel can withstand heat the solar panels give off without damaging roofs. Cameron said the solar panels generate a great deal of heat and not all roof types can handle the temperature.

She said she hopes the data from the research will become available in about two months. The company then can begin advising customers on which roof panels will best accompany their solar panel installation.

Cameron said she is excited to begin installing the panels and working with more businesses to help Manhattan become a greener

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## Transgender speaker denied funding at Salina campus



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Leslie Hannah, assistant dean of academics and chairman of the multicultural connection of K-State-Salina, speaks to students in Salina after K-State-Salina's SGA voted not to fund Ryan Sallens, a transgender speaker whom the group of students were hoping to bring to campus. Hannah said the group will try to raise the money on their own after SGA denied the funding.

**By Danny Davis** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

SALINA-K-State's Salina campus had a very rough Student Governing Association meeting Tuesday as it focused on a controversial topic regarding a speaker coming to the campus.

A group of students advocating for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights had requested \$1,000 to bring Ryan Sallens, a transgender, to speak at the K-State-Salina campus. Many students, including the Salina campus' Student Body President Brian Koester, senior in professional pilot, felt this would be a waste of student money.

Koester said he was concerned that if they brought Sallens, he would be speaking to a very small audience, specifically the group of

students lobbying for him.
"I want to make sure he will be

speaking to the students," Koester said, "not the faculty or the community members, but the stu-

The meeting drew a large gathering of supporters who were interested in making their voices heard. However, they were represented only on behalf of two members of the senate, Salina cam-pus Student Body Vice President Shae Blackwell, senior in professional pilot, and Senator Eddie DeHerrera, junior in engineering technology.

Blackwell argued during the debate session that the other colleges and programs have had their share of speakers, specifically ref-

erencing the aviation field. "Family, students and human services haven't had a presence on the campus," said Blackwell.

However, she made a point of

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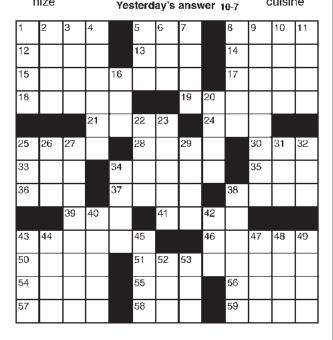
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#### **STREET TALK**

For an editorial about the U.S. Postal Service, check out **Page 4**.

## What was the last thing you received in the mail?



A birthday wish to my

" Talal Mouis Sophomore, Chemical Engineering





Demarkus Coleman

Senior, finance



66 K-State Bill. Shoot, everybody wants my money.

**Daniel Jemmott** Senior, kinesiology



I sent in a letter today to a international tour company to request a refund for a failed cruise in Greece, that ended tragically after six members of our tour group contracted swine flu.

**Blair Johnson** Sophomore, undecided

#### THE PLANNER

#### CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

The K-State Blood Drive will take place today through Friday. The drive will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday in the K-State Student Union. People can also come to Putnam Hall from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. today through Thursday. Everyone who comes to donate will receive a K-State blood donor T-shirt.

Career and Employment Services is sponsoring Walk-in Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. today in Holtz Hall. For more information, visit *k-state.edu/ces*.

Intramural entries will be accepted through Thursday for intramural wrestling and student golf in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. The wrestling meet is scheduled for Oct. 12-15, and student golf is scheduled to take place at Stagg Hill Golf Course. Tee times will be issued when you sign up in the administrative office. To download entry forms and obtain more information, visit recservices.k-state.edu/intramurals/intramuralsactivitesevents.htm.

Mortar Board has two scholarships available for juniors (60-90 hours). Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. For those interested in applying, go to k-state.edu/mortarboard and click on scholarship application. Applications are due by Friday. **Rec Services** will sponsor Extreme Fitness, a free workshop at Peters Recreation Complex, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. The workshop is for individuals looking for a full-body workout challenge and is limited to 24 participants. The session is not for beginners, but for those capable of doing highintensity movements. Sign up in the administrative office or call 785-532-6980.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Judy Dreeszen at 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 in Bluemont Hall 257. The thesis topic is "The Impact of Differentiation on the Critical Thinking of Gifted Readers and the Evolving Perspective of the Fifth Grade Classroom Teacher."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Yan Ling at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 in Bluemont Hall 113. The thesis topic is "Inference for the Intrinsic Separation Among Distributions Which May Differ in Location and Scale."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Victoria Seeger at 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 15 in Bluemont Hall 257. The thesis topic is "Collaborative Retrospective Miscue Analysis: A Pathway to Self-Efficacy in Reading."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of George W. Griffith at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 16 in Bluemont Hall 368. The thesis topic is "The Initial Impact of No Child Left Behind with a Focus on Time for Elementary Science and Equity in Science, Math and Reading."

**Drop off old pairs of blue jeans** or any cotton denim items at Peters Recreation Complex. Cotton and Habitat for Humanity turns denim into housing insulation to be used on houses they rebuild in natural disaster areas. Each person who donates will receive a Vanity coupon for 25-percent off a new pair of jeans. Pick up your coupon at the service desk in the lobby when you make your donation. The drive ends Oct. 23. For more information, call the office at 785-532-6980. This drive is a collaborative effort between Rec Services and K-State student members of Public Relations Student Society of America.

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If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Sarah Rajewski at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.

## DAILY BLOTTER



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**QUESTION OF THE DAY** 

See the **front page** for a story about paying for parking tickets online.

## Have you ever gotten a parking ticket in Manhattan?

A)Yes **B)** No

To submit your answer, visit kstatecollegian.com. Results for the question of the day will be posted in the following issue of the Collegian.

**Wednesday's results:** What do you buy at Manhattan thrift shops?

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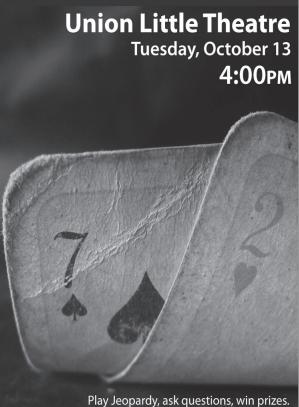
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## Documentary team films life of Kuwaiti student at K-State

**By Ashley Dunkak** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Though K-State hosts many international students, one nationality in particular received quite the exposure last week.

A film crew from Al-Rai TV, the first private television station in Kuwait, followed Saif al-Azemi, freshman in mass communications, for the station's documentary about the lives of Arab Muslim Kuwaiti students in the United States.

The TV team consisted of Ali Dashti, news anchor for Al-Rai TV; Moustapha Zarrad, head of news in the cameraman department; Hatem Korabi, press and media specialist for the U.S. embassy in Kuwait; and Larry Clamage, a contractor from the U.S. Department of State, whose role in the project is producer on the U.S. side. During an interview, Korabi answered the majority of the questions, often after discussion in Arabic with Dashti and Zarrad.

"More than some of the other stations, Al-Rai examines social ... and cultural issues, [and] really does sort of in-depth reporting as opposed to just straight news," Clamage said. "They really are a very socially-conscious station."

Al-Rai is also different because it uses state-of-the-art technologies in terms of broadcasting and equipment, Zarrad said.

"We wanted to go see Kuwaiti students in smaller communities at their schools and how they were integrated into their students' communities," said Ali Dashti, news anchor for Al-Rai TV.

The venture is a cooperative program between the U.S. Department of State, Al-Rai TV and the National Union of Kuwaiti Students–U.S. Branch, Korabi said.

"Before 9/11 and post-9/11, it's unfair to generalize and blame the entire Arab/Muslim societies or countries for the crimes done by the small number of terrorists," Dashti said.

Al-Azemi said that following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, some Kuwaiti students were hesitant to study abroad in the United States because they feared they might be perceived as affiliated with Muslims that committed the terrorist attacks.

"This documentary was made because after 9/11, a lot of Kuwaiti students said, 'Now people are going to mix us with other kinds of Arabs, other kinds of different countries that made this action against America,' which we don't have any hand with because Kuwait and America are allies. America stood with us in the Gulf War [of] 1990, so a lot of Kuwaiti students say we can't just go now and study abroad in America," al-

He said this affected Kuwaiti students



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

**Moustapha Zarrad** (center), Al-Rai TV cameraman, speaks with **Sara Thurston-Gonzalez** (right), director of the International Student Center and international programs, as the two go over the group's schedule along with anchorman **Ali Dashinti** for the final day of shooting Thursday in Kedzie Hall.

greatly because more educational opportunities exist in the United States, and students need to be able to take advantage of them.

"[We] wanted to explore ... the life of Kuwaiti students, given the stereotypes and misinformation [and] all of the rumors that were spreading through the media," Dashti said.

Scheduled visits for the crew include Washington, D.C. (to begin and end the trip), North Carolina, Kansas City, Mo., Montana, California and New York.

"The idea of this documentary is to encourage Kuwaiti students to see that Americans didn't change after 9/11," al-Azemi said. "Americans still accept others."

However, he has found this to be true much more in small communities like Manhattan than in big cities like Washington, D.C.

"I didn't like the big city life because ... even if you ask a lot of people for directions

or something, they just yell at you or ask you please to go back to your country or whatever," al-Azemi said. "When I came here to Manhattan, it was totally different."

Al-Azemi said before coming to the United States, he heard that people in big cities would be more open-minded and people in small towns would be racist. He said his experiences in the last year and a half have shown the opposite to be true.

Because he was an accomplished boxer in Kuwait, al-Azemi said he is accustomed to media coverage but still felt a little "weird" being followed by cameras to and from classes. He said he volunteered to be a part of the documentary because he has American friends and spends time with them and their families. He has become involved in the American culture and said he felt it would be a good experience for other students to see what life in America is like.

"That negative image of the U.S. [that Kuwaiti students had] has definitely changed a lot," Zarrad said. "This is what we are going to convey to the Kuwaiti audience, to families of students who are living here, and tell them it's a positive experience and a welcoming society."





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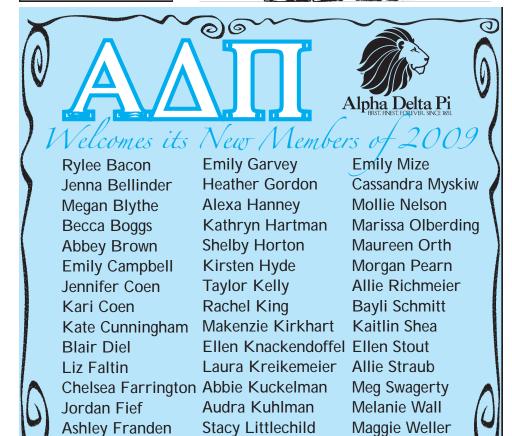
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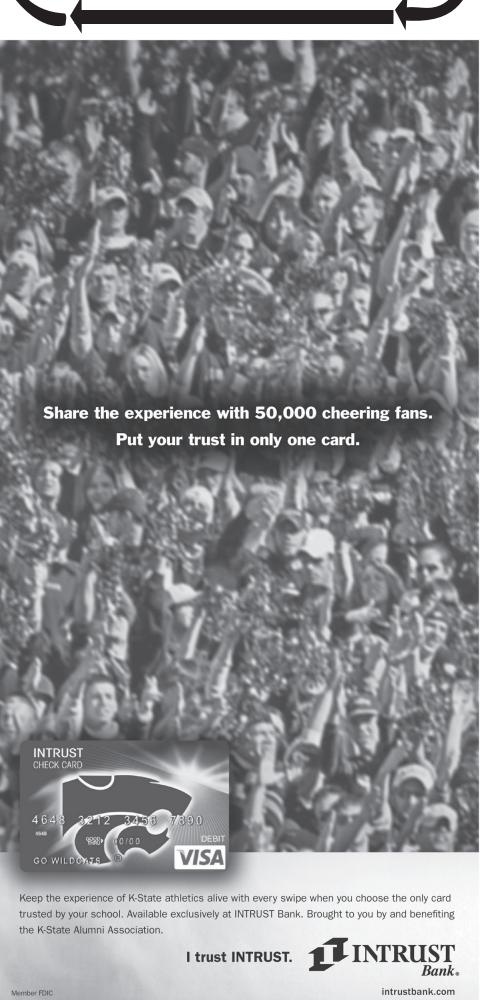


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## Junk Mail



## U.S. Postal Service should not have monopoly

The United States Post Office is going to lose \$7 billion this year. Why isn't anyone talking about getting

rid of it?

It's true that in the world of \$700 billion stimulus packages and \$11 trillion national debts, \$7 billion seems like an inconsequential amount, but it's ridiculous that our tax dollars are going to support such an inefficient — and increasingly unnecessary — government bureaucracy.

This week, Newsweek magazine has researched and published proposed ways to "save" the USPS. Their premise assumes, however, that eliminating the service completely is a sacred cow.

**HADACHEK** 

It should not be. There was a time when providing mail service was a worthy government enterprise. Settlers far from civilization deserved contact with the outside world. Military families needed to communicate with their sons and husbands serving overseas.

But with the advent of e-mail, the physical letter is becoming more obsolete each day. According to its own statistics, mail volume carried by the USPS has dropped by 29 percent since 1998. The economy has further hampered its business, driving more people to use the free alternative, e-mail, as volume is expected to drop another 10 percent, or 22.7 billion letters, this year.

The failure of the USPS as a business is even more confounding because the federal government guarantees it a legal monopoly on all first-class mail. No other business granted free reign by the government would wind up \$7 billion in the hole.

Well, maybe some would.

Perhaps a company providing telegrams or carrier pigeon service, if they were backed by your tax dollars, could fail as spectacularly as the USPS.

By granting the USPS a monopoly, the government is keeping an obsolete form of communication on life support — and doing it with classic government inefficiency. Even President Obama recognizes this and said in a town hall meeting, "If you think about it, UPS and FedEx are

doing just fine, right? No, they are. It's the post office that's always having problems."

I'm sure the president will join me in

Seven ways to save the Postal Service? I've got two: remove the legal monopoly and privatize it. Make the service answerable to the same market forces as its competitors.

FedEx and UPS will come swooping in, surely taking a significant portion of business away from the USPS. It will then either adapt to stay competitive or fail, like any other business in the United States.

Well, except for the banks and car com-

panies.

The era of the mailed letter is not over yet, but it is certainly on its way out.

Within the foreseeable future, only packages will need to be sent physically. First-class mail will be replaced by other forms of electronic communication — e-mails, phone calls and video chats.

Continuing to prop up the USPS is nothing but a wasted endeavor.

Tim Hadachek is a senior in political science. Please send comments to *opinion@spub.ksu.edu*.

## America should limit nuclear weapon arsenals

There's an elephant in the room, but no one seems to see it. The beast risks massive death and de-

struction on a daily basis. It shapes how the world sees America and explains huge portions of our recent past. It eats up at least \$33 billion per year of our tax dollars, and yet the average American citizen is largely ignorant of its effects on who we are as a people.



BETH MENDENHALL

The elephant in the room is America's nuclear weapons.

Deterrence, the idea that our possession of such destructive weapons prevents other countries from attacking us, is not an exhaustive explanation of our nuclear arsenal. America has thousands of warheads and nearly as many bombers and ballistic missiles. The U.S. maintains the right to use a nuclear weapon before one is used against us (recall the "all options on the table" rhetoric of the Bush era), and many of our weapons are on high alert, ready to be delivered within a few hours.

These are not the weapons of our atomic past; the thermonuclear weapons of today are thousands of times more powerful than the atomic bombs dropped during WWII. America and Russia jointly possess about 95 percent of the world's nuclear weapons.

There is a significant risk of accidents – Russia almost fired a weapon when it briefly misidentified a weather satellite launch as a U.S. first strike, British and French nuclear submarines have collided in the Atlantic and the Air Force has mistakenly flown an active warhead over the continental U.S.

Our arsenal also presents a moral dilemma – it gives us the ability to destroy millions of human beings in the blink of an eye and inflict fatal radiation poisoning on millions more. Proponents of a large arsenal claim that nuclear weapons exist to prevent their use, but there is no guarantee that an accident, miscalculation or changing geopolitical conditions won't make it so. The nuclear mission of a program called Global Strike Command is being tailored to give us the capability to preemptively strike potential adversaries anywhere in the world – a dangerous remnant of the offensive

In other words, the military is

seriously considering using nuclear weapons to hit deeply buried targets and annihilate terrorist meeting places. Doing so would break the nuclear taboo that is the basis of deterrence and cause a wave of terrorist-breeding anti-Americanism.

The next time you wonder why our soldiers have insufficient body armor and why veterans from Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan have insufficient health care, consider the billions of dollars spent on maintaining our exorbitant nuclear arsenal.

Eliminating just a few intercontinental ballistic missiles would provide enough money to add a new wing to the veterans' hospital in Topeka. We have overwhelming nuclear and conventional superiority—this is not a question of our security but a question of excessive nu-

clear focus.

Citizens can affect the size and role of their country's nuclear weapons arsenal. In the U.K., antinuclear movements have successfully constrained the expansion of its arsenal. The German public's strong antinuclear sentiments make talk of proliferation political suicide, and places like South Africa have given up nuclear programs.

Now is a crucial time to learn

about our nuclear arsenal and pressure policymakers to reduce or restrict it in meaningful ways. The Nuclear Posture Review, a report presented to Congress outlining the current state of our arsenal and recommending changes to it, is being formulated as you read this.

Negotiations between Russia and the U.S. over a new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty are scheduled to conclude in December, though as it stands, our nation refuses to give up a meaningful quantity of delivery vehicles.

The nuclear arsenal is maintained and expanded in our name. As American citizens, we have an obligation to inform ourselves about the military uses of our tax dollars. The nuclear arsenal is an incredibly important feature of our national identity and one that is almost universally ignored by the populous. Its potential to destroy civilization as we know it and the implicit legitimacy we currently give it make America's nuclear arsenal the most important elephant in the room, and one we desperately need to recognize.

Beth Mendenhall is a senior in political science and philosophy. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

TO THE POINT

## Collegian hopes Salina students find means to host speaker

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

A group of students advocating for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights at the K-State-Salina campus has recently lobbied for a transgendered man to speak at their campus.

The group's efforts had been stalled in multiple Sali-

na student governing association meetings because of reported financial questions regarding the request.

Tuesday night the Salina SGA voted to not approve the \$1,000 funds needed to host Ryan Sellers, a female-to-male transgender.

While we understand the funds the SGA can allocate are certainly limited, we had hoped the student senators would have seen this as an

opportunity to broaden students' horizons and assist a group of students who can often be under-represented in our state and at our university. The SGA should recognize the importance of gaining exposure to different cultures and lifestyles especially at an institution of higher learning.

Shortly after the student senate voted against the bill, students were already brainstorming ways to play host to the speaker without help from the SGA. Assistant Dean of academics at Salina, Leslie Hannah, said he would help cover some of the cost and a group planned to fundraise for the rest.

We at the Collegian sincerely hope the students can find the means to host Sellers and bring some muchneeded cultural perspective to our university.

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to be printed each day. The comments are not the opinion

The state just spent 40 grand on my drug and alcohol treatment, and now that it's all done, they're sending me to prison. Thank goodness for Senate Rill 122

**Who** is the idiot who used washable markers on the KU sign on I-70?

Please pray for me tomorrow because I have a midterm that I've mostly studied for by watching Bill Nye episodes on the subject. Help me God.

**Molly,** sweetheart, we here at the nuclear staff and the K-State Nuclear Reactor General would like to let you know that we've developed nuclear energy, so we think you should come hang out sometime.

**If** motorists can have road rage, why can't pedestrians have walk rage?

Is there a real point to the green zone parking? Because all I seem to think it does is force drunks to drive home and me to walk all the way to my girlfriend's.

I got this great idea for when it rains. Set these things that are flat and vertical into this other thing that's horizontal and sell it. It's a great idea.

**Congratulations** to that guy who peed in a cup in Hale Library and filled the cup.

**Dear** world, what would you do if your head was a basketball and your hands were baseballs? I await your response.

**Uh**, my wife just said if I call the Fourum, she'll divorce me.

**Dude**, quit wearing the kilt. It's weirding the entire campus out.

Hey Molly, why don't you come over to the nuclear reactor and we'll all teach you about the progress that we haven't made.

Rock, paper, scissors, haiduken.

**Yeah**, to the girl that doesn't respect guys: Where can I meet you?

**Only** the Collegian could manage to misspell our own president's name.

**To** the shirtless guy in Subway: Thank you for making me lose my appetite.

Please put on a shirt.

To the girl who almost hit me in the crosswalk this morning: Please don't

text while driving. **K-State** stinks, they just got lucky.

**Hey** random band playing in the Old Stadium: I appreciate the K-State band so much more now.



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#### KANSAS STATE **COLLEGIAN**

## Nutter's Midweek Musings



JUSTIN **NUTTER** 

- Wednesday's conundrums come while the Wildcat football team sits alone atop the Big 12 North division standings.
- K-State might not be at the top of the ladder for very long, but it's awfully nice to see the Wildcats at No. 1, at least for a week
- It might not have been the prettiest effort in the world. but after the win over Iowa State, it looks like the starting quarterback job is Grant Gregory's to lose.
- · I'd have to imagine there aren't many other football players with as much love for the game as Gregory. Why else would you transfer twice and battle for a job for six seasons?
- · His production on the field last weekend wasn't too shabby either.
- · If you would have told me this year's team would win a game by one point without the starting running back crossing the goal line, there's not a chance in the world that I would have believed it.
- Don't take this as a legitimate comparison – I know they're not nearly the same player – but both of Gregory's touchdown passes, which came on broken plays to Lamark Brown and Brandon Banks, looked quite Michael Bishop-esque.
- Speaking of Lamark Brown. it's nice to see the quarterbacks finally utilizing such a big target. The guy might not be the best receiver in the world, but let's face it: he's just short of eight feet tall and can jump about 15 yards in the air. Keep throwing him the ball.
- Don't get me wrong. I love watching what Banks can do as much as the next guy, but if the offense can establish Brown as another consistent weapon, things could get really interesting as conference play continues.
- · If K-State needs any pointers on how to develop a strong passing attack, they'll be in the right place this weekend.
- Texas Tech might lead the nation in passing vardage every season, but don't be fooled. The quarterbacks are just a product of Mike Leach's system. Hence the fact that no Red Raider quarterbacks are currently in the NFL.
- System offense or not, K-State has struggled on the road against Texas Tech since the beginning of forever. Plain and simple. The Wildcats' last win in Lubbock, Texas: Nov. 1, 1997.
- · Let's take a look at what else was going on that day ... U.S. President: Bill Clinton. Box office hit: I Know What You Did Last Summer. Average gas price: \$1.22 per gallon. MTV's No. 1 song: Puff Daddy's "I'll Be Missing You."
- I'm sure you get the point. It's been a long time.
- · If Red Raider starting quarterback Taylor Potts doesn't take the field - he was hospitalized after a concussion last week - it would definitely help K-State's chances, but like I said before, it's a system offense. The kicker could probably step in tomorrow and throw for 300 yards.
- Until next week, I'll leave you with my mandatory Royals comment: the Royals' season is over. No more Royals comments. Sorry.

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**MEN'S GOLF** 

## Men's golf ties for fourth in Wolfpack Classic

By Grant Guggisberg KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State men's golf team finished tied for fourth place in the Wolfpack Classic in

Reno, Nev., Tuesday. The Wildcats, who, according to Golfweekrankings.com, are ranked No. 15 in the country after winning the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate in September, played consistently, ending Monday's round tied for fourth and maintained that placement through the final round by shooting a 7-under-par 281 as

a team.

"We were only eight shots away from winning," said head coach Tim Norris. "I know we could have found eight shots out there previously.

Wildcat senior Joe Kinney led the Wildcats, finishing individually in a tie for second place, shooting a 9-under-par 208 over the 54 hole tournament. The next highest Wildcat finisher was senior Mitchell Gregson, who finished in a tie for 11th after shooting a 2-under-par 214.

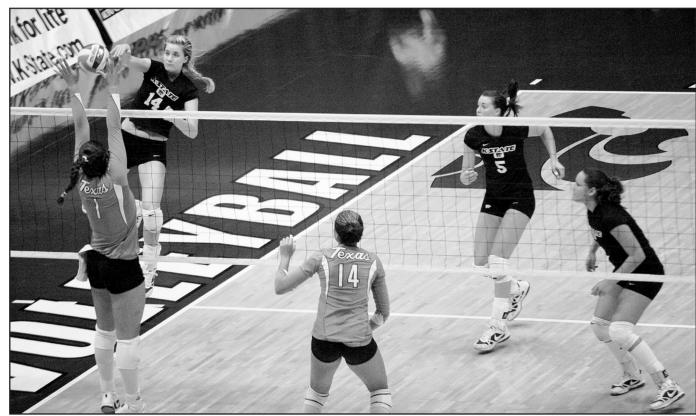
"He did a great job," Norris said. "He was

four over par his first nine holes, but after that he was 12 under par his last 45 holes."

In-state rival Wichita State won the tournament with San Diego and Nevada finishing second and third, respectively. Fresno State tied with K-State to round out the top five. In last season's Wolfpack Classic, the Wildcats also finished in fourth place out of 13 teams.

K-State will not get much time off before they take to the links again, as they will be participating in the Firestone Invitational in Akron, Ohio, next Monday and Tuesday.

## Spike it



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Kelsey Chipman kills a ball in K-State's match against Texas. The Wildcats will take on Texas A&M tonight at 6:30 in College Station, Texas.

## Wildcats look forward to match with Aggies

By Justin Nutter KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

When talking about K-State's most recent match - a home loss to Texas - Kathleen Ludwig didn't sound like a member of a team that is winless in conference play.

"There are a lot of great things we took out of that match; a lot of positive things," said Ludwig, redshirt freshman outside hitter on the Wildcat volleyball team. "It was definitely kind of a refreshing match, and it was exciting

Ludwig and the Wildcats (6-8, 0-4 Big 12 Conference) had reason to be excited after pushing the Longhorns in the 0-3 loss on Oct. 2. K-State made very few mental mistakes and hit .300 as a team, which stands as the highest hitting percentage allowed by Texas all season.

"For the No. 2 team in the nation, I think that's a pretty good milestone to

go over," Ludwig said.

that success and earn its first 2009 conference victory when team members take on Texas A&M (10-3, 3-2) tonight in College Station, Texas.

The Aggies own a perfect 5-0 mark at G. Rollie White Coliseum this season, highlighted by a 3-1 win over national powerhouse Nebraska on Sept. 23.

Ludwig said the Wildcats, who are looking to avoid an 0-5 start for only the second time since the inception of the Big 12, will need to be on its heels when team members take the court for tonight's action.

"Anything can happen," she said. "The Big 12 is a great league and everyone's tough. [Texas A&M] is going to work hard, so I think we're going to have to work extra hard just to focus on putting points down on our side.'

Tonight's match marks the 28th meeting between the schools. The Wild-

cats and Aggies only faced off once pri-The Wildcats intend to build on or to the conference's inception in 1996 with Texas A&M taking a 3-1 decision in 1981. K-State owns a 16-11 advantage in the series, but the Aggies have a 9-4 edge against the Wildcats in matches played at home.

> Texas A&M has been led this season by senior outside hitter Sarah Ammerman, who is averaging 4.03 kills per set. Freshman middle blocker Lindsey Miller also has been a force during her inaugural campaign, averaging .83 blocks per set while maintaining a .353 hitting percentage.

> The Wildcats plan to counter with junior outside hitter JuliAnne Chisholm, who currently leads the team in blocks with 3.16 per set, and senior middle blocker Kelsey Chipman, who averages 1.09 blocks per set and owns a team-leading .352 hitting percentage.

Tonight's showdown marks the beginning of a two-match road trip for K-State. irst serve is set for 6:30 p.m.

**WOMEN'S GOLF** 

## Women's golf falters in Missouri, takes 13th

By Tyler Scott KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The women's golf team struggled late and it cost them in the standings.

While The team had some troubles, it finished strong in their final round Tuesday.

The team placed 13th out of 18 teams in the Johnnie Imes Invitational in Columbia, Mo., with an overall score of 85-overpar and a total score of 949 for the tournament.

Knight, head Kristi coach, said the tournament had some bright and dark spots.

"The first round for us was up and down, but the third round wasn't good at all," Knight said. "We improved 12 shots from the first to second round, but missed some chances later on."

Paige Osterloo, sophomore; Hannah Roos, freshman; and Abbi Sunner, senior; all tied for 45th. They each finished with a score of 21-over-par, leading the Wildcats.

Ami Storey, sophomore,

also finished tied for 53rd with a 22-over-par score, and Elise Houtz, junior, had a score of 35-overpar tied for 84th.

Osterloo said the team as a whole wasn't in sync and struggled all day. "The team had a lot of

inconsistent holes," Osterloo said. "Each green was very hard to get a birdie or par.'

The weather played a factor with rain in the area, she said.

Knight said the year is young and there is some improvement needed.

"We have to learn to adapt to different conditions and focus on the next course," Knight said. "The next course in New Mexico isn't anything like the course we played at today."

The Wildcats travel to New Mexico next week to play in the Price's Give'em Five Invitational. The tournament will take place at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M.

The tournament will begin Monday Oct. 12



**Emily Houtz** contemplates a putt during K-State's home tournament on Sept. 29. K-State placed 13th at the Johnnie Imes Invitational in Columbia, Mo Monday and Tuesday.

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## 20 years of excellence





Left: A North American swift fox peers out onto the nature path from its housing environment at the Sunset Zoo Tuesday morning.

Right: A pair of Caribbean flamingos share stares while playing in their zoo habitat.

photos by Matt Castro



Sunset Zoo, located at 2333 Oak St., has been accredited for 20 consecutive years by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. It is one of only six zoos in the state to receive this recognition. Accreditation must take place every five years and the requirements, which can be strict, change every review period.

## Sunset Zoo becomes accredited for 20th straight year

By Karen Ingram KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Sunset Zoo was recently accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Accreditation must be reapplied for every five years, and this year

marks the 20th consecutive year the Sunset Zoo has been accredited. The Sunset Zoological Park is one of the best in the world because it has met the highest standards in the world," said AZA President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Maddy. "It takes hard work

and a sustained commitment to excel-

lence to meet Association of Zoos and

Aquariums accreditation standards." The AZA is a non-profit organization founded in 1924 dedicated to "animal care, wildlife conservation, education and science," according to its official Web site. There are approximately 2,400 licensed animal exhibitors in the United States, and less than 10 percent of them are accredited by the AZA. The Sunset Zoo is one of seven zoos in Kansas with AZA accreditation.

"For how small the state is populationwise, to have seven accredited zoos is amazing," said Jared Bixby, education curator of the Sunset Zoo. "To say that [Sunset Zoo] one of those 215 or so across the country is pretty phenomenal ... It's an honor to be accredited by them."

When a zoo or aquarium receives accreditation, many benefits become available that oth-

erwise were difficult or impossible to obtain before. These include access to specific grants, more leeway with government requirements, better access to trading animals for loan or breeding purposes with other accredited zoos and participation in conservation programs like the AZA's Species Surviv-

Other AZA accredited zoos in Kansas: Hutchinson Zoo Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure

Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita

David Taylor Zoo of Emporia

Topeka Zoo.

There are about 2,400 licensed animal exhibitors in the U.S. Less than 10 percent of those are accredited by the AZA.

For more information about the AZA and the animal conservation programs sponsored by them, visit the official AZA Web site at www.aza.org.

> financial security. The year before the accreditation runs out, a packet comes from the AZA explaining guidelines that must be met. The zoo then must put together detailed documentation explaining how it is meeting those requirements. A few months later, the AZA will set up a site committee to

conduct an inspection of the zoo.

Though this might sound like a lot al Program. The zoos also receive the right for a zoo that has been accredited beto display the AZA fore to go through, Bixby said it is necessary to meet and maintain the AZA's logo on their Web sites or advertisements. high standards.

The requirements to become AZA certified are very stringent, according to their Web site. Those requirements must be met every five years in order to become re-accredited and can range from animal care, exhibit size and animal dietary needs to the

zoo's operations and

er Kansas zoos while they were going through AZA accreditation: the Topeka Zoo and the Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure in Salina. However, Bixby said Sunset Zoo's process was "the smoothest I've ever seen." Allie Lousch, marketing director for

"It means we're devoted to con-

servation and education," he said.

"We're not just here to put animals

Bixby said he has worked at two oth-

on display.'

the Sunset Zoo, said one of the things the committee mentioned they were impressed with was the community's strong support of the zoo.

"I wholeheartedly believe that without the support of the community, we wouldn't be able to do half of the things we do," Lousch said. "Zoos lose accred-itation every year. We never take it for granted that we did it."

## Social networks surpass Internet porn in popularity

By Hannah Loftus KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Social media has become big-

ger than the porn industry. According to an article on Re-

uters.com, the new "it" title belongs to social networking sites like Facebook.com, MySpace. com and Twitter.com.

How many times have students been in the library and seen someone rooting around on their Facebook profile when, in all likelihood, they should have been doing their homework?

Ask yourself honestly how many times in a day you get on your Facebook profile. Three? Five? Twenty five? If you answered like most college students, you are probably on a social media network more than twice on any given day.

Changing society has brought about a new era of social media reform; gone are the ancient days of e-mail and cell phones the size of a small microwave. Social media is here to stay, but at a greater price than we might have

The use of the social media networking sites in the last few years has skyrocketed to new levels, surpassing all other kinds of activity on the Internet, including pornography. In fact, according to the book "Click" by Bill Tancer, the searches for pornographic content have dropped to about 10 percent. The hottest Internet searches are now for social networking sites.

"It's funny when you hear someone talking about having their mom or some relative on Facebook," said Scott Stashenburg, junior in computer science. "It used to be just younger people [who] used Facebook; however, that seems to be changing. I think that it's getting more common for people to add their parents or relatives on Facebook these days."

With the use of social media reaching new heights, a whole new set of issues arises with the use of media-sharing Web sites. Privacy and advertising are a part of a much longer list that falls into the gargantuan realm of unregulated content we use today.

"It's important for students to understand that all of their content and everything they post on a Facebook or MySpace page is there for everyone to see," said Steve Smethers, associate professor of journalism and mass communications. "It's a massive unregulated jungle of information on the Internet, and there are all sorts of legal and ethical issues that go along with social media."

Tom Gould, associate professor in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications, said not to share anything over social networking sites that you would not share with your mother.

Smethers also said these social media networks are quickly becoming indispensable to companies and corporations. Potential employers are using their resources to track down profiles of job candidates and are also monitoring employee profiles. But are people who are fre-

quently on Facebook and other social networking Web sites, giving up valuable face time?

"By sending an e-mail or posting something on someone's wall, we are increasing the potential for someone to misconstrue your message," Smethers said. "We can insert an emoticon to make up for the loss of expression, but it doesn't really replace human emotions?

Don't lose the message, Smethers said. That extra hand gesture or eye contact can make up for twice the amount of time people have spent trying to word their e-mail or wall post.



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## K-State grads rank 7th nationally on CPA exam

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K-Štate received its awards.

**By Tiffany Roney** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State ranks seventh nationally in the percentage of its students with advanced degrees who pass the regulation section of the Certified Public Account-

ing exam on their first try.

Nearly 86 percent of these K-State graduates passed that section, said Richard Ott, head of the accounting department and the Grant Thornton Faculty Fellow. For that section of the exam, no other school

in the Big 12 Conference was ahead of

K-State. Furthermore, K-State is tied for ninth nationally in the percentage of all candidates with advanced degrees who pass the exam. K-State had 70-percent

passing rate in 2008. "I think it's fabulous, and it's

fascinating – our students have done an outstanding job," said Yar Ebadi, dean of the College of Business Administration. "It's very impressive, and I think it shows that K-State has been an excellent university."

Though Ebadi said the scores reflect well on K-State as a whole, he was quick to point out that the real credit should go to the students.

"I think some people focus on the university, the quality program and the faculty at Kansas State University above the students, but I strongly believe that the reason we are here is because of our students," he said.

Passage of the exam is required for individuals who want to qualify for license as CPAs in the U.S. and its territories. More than 85,000 people - most of them recent college graduates – took the exam in 2008.

While the exam is required only for people who go into public accounting, it is a beneficial credential no matter what type of accounting a person chooses to practice, said Ott.

'The CPA is very valuable to a student, and I think it shows a level of excellence," Ott said. "It's a rigorous exam. It shows that you've met a national standard."

In addition to K-State's high national ranking, the university ranked second among all schools with a 50.4 percent passing rate among all candidates without advanced degrees who took the exam.

ranked Furthermore, **Sections of the CPA exam:** 

third, with a 52.27 percent passing rate, among schools in Kansas for performance on the exam by all candidates with advanced grees, according to recently released CPA results.

However, the other Kansas schools that did better on individual sections had much fewer students; some of them had fewer than 10 accounting graduates, whereas K-State had 93, said Dan Dienes, professor of accounting.

"When you have fewer students, it's probably easier, but given the number of students we had taking the exam, we did pretty darn good, both nationally and in the state," Dienes said.

Ott said the K-State accounting department does not teach its courses specifically toward the exam, but rather to emphasize critical thinking, communication, technical skills and research experience. Therefore, a graduate's performance on the exam depends not on any specific training from K-State, but rather on the graduate's decisions, initiative and study skills.

"I can't really predict what the future will bring, but I would be thrilled to death, of course, if we continued to be highly ranked," he said. "I'm just really proud of our graduates, and I hope they do it again next year."

## Local historian recounts 1920s Manhattan at the public library

By Michelle Thomas KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Manhattan Public Library played host to Cheryl Collins of the Riley County Historical Museum last night, who gave a presentation on life in Manhattan during 1928.

"Flappers, Flyboys, and Flivvers: 1928 in Riley County" was a presentation meant to set the scene and give cultural context to Ray Bradbury's novel, "Dandelion Wine," as a part of Manhattan's One Book, One Community reading program.

"Bradbury's 'Dandelion Wine' takes place in 1928, so I thought it would be interesting to examine what Riley County was like that same year," Collins said.

Her presentation delved into the demographics of Riley County and cultural high points of the year. According to her research, the whole of Riley County in 1928 had the same population as K-State's population today.

"Flappers were the new women of the 1920s," Collins said. "K-State had more than its fair share. The college had a bloomers incident when Dean Van Zile tried to put a stop to girls removing their bloomers and showing their knees at dances.'

A local charter for an aeronautics program at K-State was proposed in 1928, but was not granted for another 10 years, Collins said. Her research found newspapers in Manhattan consistently followed breaking news in aviation, including a 16 passenger jet that at the time was considered massive.

Flivvers, a type of automobile popular in the 1920s, also became available at The Walter Moore Dealership in Manhattan in that year.

"This created a stir because the same year, the Kansas River Wagon Bridge over the Kaw River was replaced, undoubtedly to make room for automobile traffic," Collins said.

Collins also shared new developments on the K-State campus in 1928 including the smoke stack that was built and remains a landmark on campus today.

K-State also became a part of the Big 6

League with Bo McMillian as the head football coach that same year.

The audience laughed when Collins described a thwarted plot to feed "Chalkie," the University of Kansas mascot, to "Touchdown 2," the K-State mascot, during a football game in which the rivals faced off. During that time, KU's mascot was a live bird and K-State's mascot was a live bobcat.

After Collins' presentation, the floor was opened for questions and comments. Randi Dale told a story in which her mother and father, who graduated K-State in '28 and '29 went to the Harrison Building in Aggieville for a night of dancing. When they struck up the Charleston, kicking and hopping, the owner stopped them saying that the spring loaded floor would collapse if they danced that way.

'So for that night, they had to be content with just listening to the Charleston," Dale

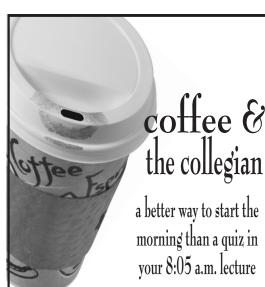
Susan Withee, reference department manager at the Manhattan Public Library said she thought the turn out of the night was "pret-

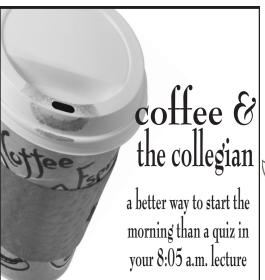
'Many of the audience members here were with the Riley County Association and are obviously knowledgeable about Manhattan's history," she said.

The next One Book, One Community event will be Sunday, Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. with a presentation by Ralph and Mary Ellen Titus. Participants will be discussing Ken Davis' 1952 novel, "Morning in Kansas," which is a fictionalized memoir of Manhattan during the first half of the 20th century.

"Many of the characters are disguised but are actual people still in the community. So come for some lascivious and scandalizing fun," Withee said.









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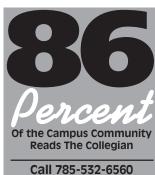


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## PAYMENT |

## City contracts Web company to process tickets

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Then, once the ticket is paid for, the payment has to be manually accepted by the courthouse.

"We have to make sure there's not an overpayment," McEntire said.

If this is the case, the payment can be declined, or a portion of it may be reimbursed, similar to paying by check at the courthouse.

The system is powered by an outside company called Gov-PayEXP, according to the Web site, governmentpayment.com.

"They specialize in processing credit card transactions for municipal governments," said Katie Jackson, assistant city attorney.

The City of Manhattan learned of the company through other governments that implement the same system throughout the state, she said. Jackson helped form the contract between the city and GovPavEXP. It includes a specific fee people will incur when making payments online.

But the fee is not new for

"No matter how the city processes a credit card, there always is a fee incorporated into the fine or an addition to it," Jackson said. "The fee for the online system is set at 3.5 percent with a minimum charge of \$3.50."

## **CRIME** | Woman flips, crashes truck

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ley Boulevard at about 8 p.m. on Monday in her 2006 Dodge pickup truck, Cros-

Calderwood was traveling eastbound on Fort Riley Boulevard when she over corrected her truck and swerved, flipping four to five times and hitting a tree, Crosby said.

Calderwood was the only person involved in the incident, Crosby said.

#### FRATERNITY MEMBER REPORTS THEFT **AT HOUSE**

A member of Sigma Chi fraternity, 1224 Fremont St., reported a theft from the house amounting to \$2,155, according to the RCPD.

Robert Constance, 18, said the theft occurred between 2 p.m. on Saturday and 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Crosby said.

Items taken included assorted men's clothing, an iPod, a digital camera, textbooks and miscellaneous items, Crosby said.

#### **2 TVS, LAPTOP REPORTED STOLEN**

Three local men reported a theft of two flat screen TVs and a laptop computer Monday, amounting to about \$1,600, according to the RCPD.

Jason Geller, 19, Dustin Dhuyvetter, 19, and Jarret Schaef, 19, all of 2215 College Ave., said the theft occurred between 10 a.m. and 8:45 p.m. on Monday, according to the

#### LOCAL MAN REPORTS THEFT OF LAPTOP

A local man reported a theft of an HP laptop from his home at 821 Fremont St., which occurred sometime Sunday or Monday, according to the RCPD.

Joshua Heath, 19, said the incident occurred sometime between 8 p.m. on Sunday and 5 p.m. on Monday.

Damages were reported at \$1,200.

"Basically, they had a party at the house, and someone who attended the party apparently took [the laptop]," Crosby said.

#### **GRAVEL THEFT REPORTED**

Joseph Morrison, 60, of 3118 Fox Ridge Circle, Riley County, reported a theft of gravel from his driveway, according to the RCPD.

The incident occurred sometime between 6 p.m. on Thursday and 9 a.m. on Monday,

Damages were reported at \$1,000.

## **SOLAR** | Roofing business leads by example

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city. Many in attendance at the ribbon-cutting ceremony acknowledged the importance of being able to install and maintain solar panels so close to home.

"We absolutely support businesses finding ways to green up their building," said Lyle Butler, president of the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce. "Anytime we are looking at remodeling our own building, we'll be looking at, 'How can we make this more energy efficient; how can we do a better job of recycling?

Butler said the local chamber of commerce

strives to set an example for other businesses.

Diamond Solar Solutions has two locations: one in Manhattan and a satellite office in Dodge City, Kan. Cameron said the company will travel anywhere in the state to install its solar panels. The business can install the product but can also set up to serve as a distributor to roofing companies interested in installing it themselves.

"There is obviously a huge opportunity for growth in solar [energy] with everybody trying to work toward sustainability," said Luke Riebel, junior in construction science and management and Diamond Roofing employee. "It's a big part of making zero-carbon buildings."

## **LGBT** | Students think of solutions to bring speaker

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has only existed for two years and a bachelor's degree was offered for the first time last year.

A comment box had been open for students to leave feedback prior to the meeting. A majority of the comments were against funding the speaker.

Blackwell said some of the comments threatened violence because of the legislation that would have allocated \$1,000 for bringing the speaker to the campus. She said some students were bold enough to place their names on the comments, which have been reviewed by administrative officials.

"I'm shocked, but not surprised," DeHerrera said.

While they will not receive funding from the Educational Opportunity Funding, the group immediately began a contingency plan. Leslie Hannah, assistant

dean of academics, said he had foreseen the outcome and had begun brainstorming alternative funding options, including a couple hundred dollars from his own pocket.

"Obviously the students, through their senators, spoke their minds, and I respect the process," Hannah said. "We have to find a way to make



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN **Shae Blackwell**, senior in professional pilot and student body vice president at K-State-Salina, speaks to members of K-State-Salina's SGA meeting about the topic of prospective speaker **Ryan Sallens** while Mitchell Wagner, attorney general, and Ian Lewis, a student

it happen. I'll cover part of it, and we'll fundraise for the rest

Jaclyn Wood, adviser to the campus' academic services, was one of the supporters who attended the meeting in favor of the bill. She was one of the many who left after the vote to attend an informal gathering outside of the conference

"I think that our students on our campus should have the same experience that students on the main campus have," Wood said. "And I know that this kind of opportunity is available there."

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Many after the vote said they felt opponents of the plan did not factor in the number of students from the main campus who would attend the event.

"I-70 is a two way street," Hannah said. The Salina SGA, however,

solely represents the students of the Salina campus. Koester said he felt the vote

was justified.

"The senators voted the way they thought they should to best represent their constituents," said Koester. "Being able to still have this opportunity is great," he said regarding alternative funding for the speaker.

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## HALO Encuentro unites Hispanic culture with higher education

**By Tim Schrag** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Hispanic college and high school students from across Kansas gathered in the K-State Student Union Tuesday for the third annual Midwest Hispanic American Leadership Organization Encuentro Conference.

Mirta Chavez, director of multicultural programs and services, said the H.A.L.O. Encuentro provides the K-State student population with an opportunity to network with other Hispanic students.

"The purpose is to bring young Hispanic student leaders from the state of Kansas for a day of affirming cultural identity and developing leadership skills," Chavez said.

This year, 330 students attended the Encuentro.

Students had the opportunity to attend several sessions taught by K-State faculty members who touched on issues like higher education, individual success and Hispanic culture.

Anita Cortez, director of the Developing Scholars Pro-

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gram at K-State, instructed one of the sessions called "Dinero and Dreams: Your Future at K-State," a program designed for high school and community college students.

Cortez said her session discussed the different financial paths to get to K-State, including the scholars program and the Edgerley-Franklin Urban Leadership Scholarship.

"It's always a wonderful day for us," Cortez said. "It is interesting to see so many Latino students interested in higher education and looking for the way to achieve their dreams."

Special guests for the Encuentro included keynote speaker Tey Diana Rebolledo, a distinguished professor at the University of New Mexico, and K-State President Kirk Schulz, who joined the group for lunch.

Liz Renteria, sophomore in modern languages and social work and president of H.A.L.O., said she felt the most important part of the Encuentro was the keynote speaker because she talked about the importance of staying faithful to heritage and

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Dancers from H.A.L.O. pick partners from the crowd to join them. The dance took place in the ballroom of the K-State Student Union Tuesday evening during the annual Midwest Hispanic American Leadership Organization Encuentro Conference.

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advancing education.

Renteria said H.A.L.O. has been planning this event since last May.

Toward the end of the afternoon, several members of H.A.L.O. performed a traditional Mexican dance called the "El Jarabe Tapatio."

The conference closed with by remarks from Myra Gordon, associate provost for diversity and dual career

development.

The event was sponsored by H.A.L.O., the Office of Diversity and Dual Career Development, Student Governing Association, Cargill and Koch Industries.

"Getting people together from not just K-State, but all over the state of Kansas, is important," said Alejandro De Luna, junior in construction science and management.

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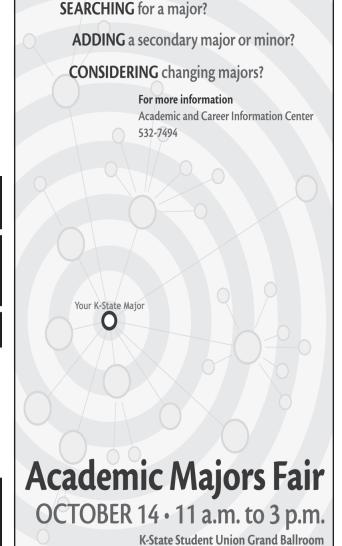
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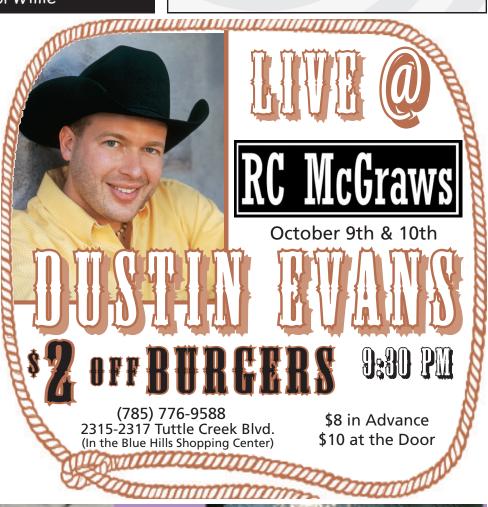
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